

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A portable wireless terminal comprising:

a first case having a front surface and a rear surface[.];

a second case having a front surface and a rear surface and provided with a display[.]; and

an interconnecting mechanism for interconnecting the two cases,

the second case connecting to the first case by the interconnecting mechanism so that the second case is closable to a first posture wherein at least a part area of the front surface of the first case is covered and is openable to a second posture wherein said at least the part area of the front surface of the first case is exposed,

the front surface and rear surface of the second case being provided with respective displays,

the first case having a pointing device projecting therefrom in a direction apart from the front surface of the first case for input manipulation on a screen presented on the displays,

the second case having an unobstructed opening extending through the second case from the front surface thereof to the rear surface thereof at the position opposed to the pointing device whereby the pointing device extends into the opening so as to be operable by a user for input manipulation when in the first posture, and

the opening having an inner peripheral wall to surround the entire pointing device.

2. (Original) A portable wireless terminal according to claim 1 wherein the pointing device is in the form of a bar, and is movable so as to tilt upwardly, downwardly, rightwardly or leftwardly with its base end serving as a fulcrum.

3. (Previously presented) A portable wireless terminal according to claim 1 wherein the front surface of the second case is opposed to the front surface of the first case in the first posture; in the meantime, the front surface of the second case is apart from the front surface of the first case in the second posture, the pointing device functions for a screen presented on the display disposed on the rear surface of the second case in the first posture; in the meantime, the

pointing device functions for a screen presented on the display disposed on the front surface of the second case in the second posture.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A portable wireless terminal comprising:

a first case having a front surface and a rear surface[.];

a second case having a front surface and a rear surface[.]; and

an interconnecting mechanism for interconnecting the two cases, wherein

the interconnecting mechanism comprises a sliding mechanism for slidably interconnecting the first case and the second case to one another,

the two cases are slidably lapped over one another with the front surface of the first case opposed to the rear surface of the second case,

the second case connects to the first case by the interconnecting mechanism so that the second case is closable to a first posture wherein at least a part area of the front surface of the first case is covered and is openable to a second posture wherein said at least a part area of the ~~first~~ front surface of the first case is exposed,

the front surface of the second case is provided with a display,

the first case having a pointing device projecting therefrom in a direction apart from the front surface of the first case for input manipulation on a screen presented on the display,

the second case having an opening extending through the second case from the front surface thereof to the rear surface thereof at the position opposed to the pointing device when in the first posture, and

the opening is formed by a notch having a U-shaped opening opposed to the pointing device, and

the pointing device extends to have its outer end projecting to generally the same height as the front surface of the second case provided with the display.